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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : George L. Cary
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SUBJECT : Prospective Invitation to You from the American
Enterprise Institute to Speak on Naval Subjects

1. This is to alert you that the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, a conservative "think tank" group, plans this week to send you an invitation to speak at its 6-7 October conference on "Problems of Sea Power as We Approach the 21st Century." The group had had you in mind as a speaker since well before your nomination and confirmation as DCI occurred.

2. This information was conveyed informally to a member of my staff on 29 April, by the conference's program coordinator, Dr. James L. George. George has just been appointed minority professional staff member for national security affairs of the House Committee on Government Operations, and was formerly on the staff of former Senator Bill Brock (R., Tenn.). George emphasized that his contact with us was unrelated to his House functions, and was made only to try to insure that there would be a minimum of delay in your response, since if you decline, the group wants promptly to invite someone else. George noted that one of the stipulations is that the speaker provide a 30-40 page paper on his subject, which George recognized would involve substantial research.

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3. Attached as Tab A, please find the prospectus for the conference, and as Tab B the prospectus for the new AEI Defense Review. The latter lists the Advisory Council of AEI's Public Policy Project on National Defense, chaired by Melvin Laird and including in its diverse membership Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), William E. Colby, Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), Senator Charles Mathias, Jr. (R., Md.), Admiral Thomas Moorer, Paul Nitze, and Chairman Clement J. Zablocki of the House International Relations Committee.

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